

Senate Bill 479

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Thompson of the 33rd, Grant of the 25th, Stoner of the 6th, Douglas of the 17th and others

**AS PASSED**

**AN ACT**

To amend Code Section 31-8-159 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting to the General Assembly on use of funds of the Indigent Care Trust Fund, so as to include in the reporting related to the trust fund certain information about fees for licensed ambulance services; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 31-8-159 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting to the General Assembly on use of funds of the Indigent Care Trust Fund, is revised as follows:

"31-8-159.

(a) The department shall annually report to the General Assembly on its use of trust funds appropriated to the department pursuant to this article.

(b) The department shall also provide an annual report no later than September 30 of each year which shall provide the following information for the immediately preceding fiscal year:

(1) The amount of ambulance service license fees received by the department pursuant to Code Section 31-11-31.1;

(2) The amount of federal funds received as matching funds to the corresponding ambulance service license fees received; and

(3) The total amount of funds disbursed to emergency ambulance services from the Indigent Care Trust Fund.

The report required by this subsection shall be made available to the public free of charge by electronic means and in such other manner as the department deems appropriate."

**SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2008.

**SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.